

REMARKS

Claims 5-12 and 21-37 are pending. In the final Office Action mailed on October 18, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 5-12 and 23-27 are allowable; rejected claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 101; rejected claims 28-31 and 33-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,061,712 to Tzeng ("Tzeng"); and rejected claims 32 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tzeng in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,212,171 to LaFollette et al. ("LaFollette").

While Applicant does not concede the propriety of the 35 U.S.C. § 101 and prior art rejections, in order to expedite examination of the application, Applicant hereby cancels rejected claims 21, 22 and 28-37. As a result, claims 5-12 and 23-27 are presently pending.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and therefore earnestly solicits a prompt notice of allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would advance the Examination of this application, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (206) 359-8000.

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